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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 2026.0010000  
First Inventor Gary W. Grube  
Title Apparatuses and Methods for Cleaning Test Probes  
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 31]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the Invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 9]  
Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]  
a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

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(Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	\$740.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	
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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES				Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <u>38</u> - 20** =				<u>18</u>	X <u>\$18.00</u>	= <u>\$324.00</u>
Indep. Claims <u>13</u> - 3** =				<u>10</u>	X <u>\$84.00</u>	= <u>\$840.00</u>
Multiple Dependent						=
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20		
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3		
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim		
108	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent		
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	130	123	130	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	481	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
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**Box Patent Application**

Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
Appl. No. *to be assigned*; Filed: November 9, 2001  
For: **Apparatuses and Methods for Cleaning Test Probes**  
Inventor: Gary W. Grube  
Our Ref: 2026.0010000

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.  
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1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/05);
3. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Apparatuses and Methods for Cleaning Test Probes**

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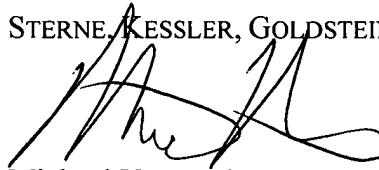
the application consisting of:

4. A specification containing:
  - i. 21 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 9 pages of claims (38 claims-13 independent claims); and
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
5. 9 sheets of drawings:(Figures 1, 2A-B, 3, 4A-B, 5, 6A-B, and 7-9);
6. An original executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
7. An Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
8. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (*in duplicate*);
9. Our check No. 33147 for \$ 1,904.00 to cover:
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Respectfully submitted,

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